

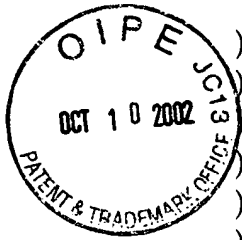
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For: METHOD FOR ATTACHING MECHANICAL FASTENERS TO ABSORBENT ARTICLES AND THE RESULTING ABSORBENT ARTICLES

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002 ("Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as set forth below. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), the amendments to the specification are set forth in "clean" form here, and in "marked-up" form in Appendix A, showing additions by underlines and deletions in brackets.

Please replace the abstract paragraph with the following paragraph:

*INS. B1*  
A method for attaching mechanical fasteners to absorbent articles and articles produced by such a method. The method attaches parts using slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesives under conditions sufficient to result in a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 60 min/1.2 kg. Preferred mechanical fasteners include hook-type fastener tabs. The present invention provides an efficient, reliable method for attaching mechanical fasteners to absorbent articles.